

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action, on page 2, sets forth a requirement for restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to a ribosome-inactivating polypeptide, classified in class 435, subclass 199.
- Group II: Claims 11-22 and 26, drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a ribosome-inactivating polypeptide, vector, host cell, and recombinant method of making the encoded protein, classified in class 536, subclass 23.2.
- Group III. Claims 23-25, drawn to a method for killing a target cell using a ribosome-inactivating polypeptide, classified in class 424, subclass 94.61.

Applicant is required to elect one of the above groups for prosecution on the merits. In this regard, Applicant elects Group II (including claims 11-22 and 26), without traverse, drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a ribosome-inactivating polypeptide, vector, host cell, and recombinant method of making the encoded protein, classified in class 536, subclass 23.2.

If a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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